

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of the caps on class sizes proposed in Senate Bill 1093, which would take an important step in ensuring that classrooms are places where students can learn, and educators can teach.

In one year of teaching in Bridgeport, I had 29 fifth grade students. I am a passionate educator. Because of this, I have a tendency of getting some of the most challenging children. I put my all into my students and their education. I work with the specialists to integrate my lessons into all subjects. This particular year was one of my most difficult. Instead of teaching, there was so much more 'crowd control' My specialists cringed when they saw my class arrive. The following year I had 23 students. This class was so much more manageable. I still had the challenging students, but by having 6 fewer students, allowed for more enjoyable teaching and learning for both educator and student.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

